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Answer ALL the questions. Write your answers in the answer booklet provided.

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ENL1103: FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGLISH
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Instructions: This paper consists of **FOUR (4)** questions. Answer **ALL** the questions in the answer booklet provided.

Question 1

Part A

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

- 1 When I was young and growing up by the seaside, one of my favourite activities was crabbing. I'll never forget the great fun I had. There was another advantage to living by the sea. It provided food (fresh fish, crabs and squids) for the family when other sources were unaffordable. Most of all, the ocean was a symbol of peace, which was like magic to me, a boy of eight.
- 2 I remember vividly rushing to the docks with my crab cage kept under my arm in the late afternoon. This was the best time, as the crabs preferred the warmer water. I would wait patiently for the fishing boats as they also came in around this time. I would watch the fishermen clean their fish for sale in the market. What I was more interested in was the remains they would throw overboard during the cleaning. This was already natural bait for the crabs. I would see innumerable crabs scrambling for their dinner in the crystal-clear warm water below. Little did they realize that their days were numbered. The irony was that the crabs had come for their dinner and so had I!
- 3 I used bread, cheese or fish as bait in my crab cage. I figured that if the fish remains were insufficient or for some reason did not appeal to the crabs, I had better think of other alternatives, for I was bent on crabbing. This extra bait not only gave me confidence but made me believe that each time I pulled the cage up, the rewards were due to my extra bait.
- 4 First, I would lower the cage to the bottom carefully and slowly in order not to cause a stir or disturbance in the water. The crabs would climb in eagerly, unsuspecting of the danger. Every time I pulled up the cage, I would get as many as half a dozen crabs. This was certainly a good catch. After some enjoyable hours of sitting there in the sun and watching the waves break on the shore, I would have enough crabs for our family, as well as share quite a bit of my catch with my neighbours. Crabs were, and perhaps still are, a rare and expensive delicacy. They were very appreciative and usually looked forward to my late-evening returns. Crabbing featured prominently in my seaside experiences and memories of my childhood days.

- 5 In contrast to the seaside experiences of my childhood, I was also blessed to have part of my adulthood in one of the most beautiful regions I have ever laid eyes upon – the Starry Mountains! Driving up the winding mountain road lined with trees was exhilarating. The cool mountain air reminded me of the seaside breeze so many years before.
- 6 *I really enjoy getting back in touch with nature at every chance I get.* When I spend time at the sea or in the mountains, I am reminded that nature is truly powerful and beautiful. Nature is omnipresent. People can stay in touch with nature even in the big cities. A visit to a nearby park, aquarium or zoo is a welcome change from the hustle and bustle of city life. Or if one is living in a rural area, taking a walk amidst trees and flowers can be very pleasant.
- 7 It would be wonderful if we would only enjoy and appreciate nature instead of being selfish and thinking of ourselves and progress. All we ever do is cut trees, kill wildlife and worst of all pollute the environment. Our efforts to develop the earth are all in the name of progress but we know the simple truth: we are actually destroying nature in order to live *a temporarily comfortable life with grave consequences for the future.*

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- (a) Referring to Paragraph 1, what **two** advantages did the writer enjoy because he lived by the sea? (2 marks)
- (b) How do you know that the writer was excited about going to the docks? (2 marks)
- (c) How do you know that crabs liked the fish remains? (2 marks)
- (d) Give one example to show that the writer was not a selfish person. (2 marks)
- (e) *“I really enjoy getting back in touch with nature at every chance I get.”* (paragraph 6) What does this statement tell us about the writer’s feelings for the countryside? (2 marks)
- (f) Name two places that the writer would probably go to spend his holiday. (2 marks)
- (g) In paragraph 7, the writer states that destroying nature gives us *“a temporarily comfortable life with grave consequences for the future”*. Give **one** possible consequence. (2 marks)
- (h) Give an example of how humans are destroying nature. (1 mark)
- (i) Identify words from the passage that match the meanings below. (5 marks)
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| i) sign (para. 1) | - |
| ii) moving hurriedly (para. 2) | - |
| iii) choices (para. 3) | - |
| iv) thankful (para. 4) | - |
| v) in all places at the same time (para. 6) | - |

Part B

Read each passage carefully then answer the questions that follow. (5 marks)

Jessica had often seen people sleeping on the sidewalks downtown. Usually, she didn't think twice about them. But one day, she saw a young mother with two small children. They were getting food from a trash can behind a café. The sight made Jessica cry, and she promised herself she would do something to help. The next day, she began a food drive for the homeless.

(a) What is the main idea implied in this selection?

- A Jessica felt sorry for homeless people
- B The homeless people slept on the sidewalks
- C A mother got food from a trash can
- D Jessica realised that the homeless need help

Eric had to be especially careful cleaning the gutters because he was the one on the ladder and his friend was there only to hold the ladder. Eric carried a hose and a gardening tool up the ladder with him. The tool had a long handle, with it he was able to reach up and remove the leaves from the gutter above him. Once all the leaves were out, Eric ran the hose into the gutter to make sure it was running freely. He also sprayed the roof. Then he descended to the ground.

(b) Eric ran the hose in the gutter...

- A before his friend held the ladder
- B after he cleaned out the gutter
- C after he sprayed the roof
- D after he climbed down the ladder

(c) According to the passage, what was the first thing Eric did?

- A carry the hose up the ladder
- B clean out the gutters
- C put up the ladder
- D treated his friend to breakfast as a way of saying thanks

Kay threw her bike down wherever she stopped. More than once, she had left her bicycle in the driveway. Several times her dad had pointed out what could happen when she did this. One morning, as her dad was leaving for work, Kay heard a crashing sound outside.

(d) What will Kay probably do next?

- A walk to school
- B buy a new bicycle
- C run outside
- D put her bicycle away

Mosquitoes are a tremendous problem in the summer. Mosquitoes love the hot weather. Then they can fly around and bite as many people as they want. Mosquitoes can't beat their wings in cool weather. The temperature must be more than sixty degrees for mosquitoes to fly.

(e) You may conclude after reading the passage that...

- A mosquitoes die in cold weather
- B people are not bothered by mosquitoes
- C mosquitoes go south for the winter
- D cool weather means fewer mosquito bites

Question 2

Part A

(a) Identify the part of speech of the bolded word in each of the following sentences.

(5 marks)

- (i) The usher **closed** the door.
- (ii) Mary spoke **softly**, but John heard every word like a shout.
- (iii) **They** met at the field house yesterday.
- (iv) I have **good** news for you.
- (v) The cat knocked a vase **off** the shelf.

(b) Fill in the following blanks with the part of speech indicated in brackets. The first one has been done for you. (10 marks)

As a ten-year-old in 1936, I assisted a milkmaid with collecting i) milk (NOUN) from the cows. For ii) _____ (PRONOUN) help, she would give me a cup of the finished drink. It was iii) _____ (ADJECTIVE) of body and flavor. At home, my mother used to collect iv) _____ (ARTICLE) bottle left by the milkman no more than an hour before, scoop v) _____ (PREPOSITION) the cream that had risen to the top and give it to me. vi) _____ ! (INTERJECTION) Today, milk is a vii) _____ (ADVERB) processed product. It is pasteurized, homogenized, skimmed and supplemented. It viii) _____ (MODAL) well be two weeks old ix) _____ (CONJUNCTION) you x) _____ (VERB) it from the xi) _____ (NOUN).

Part B

Select the correct answer to complete the following sentences. (10 marks)

- (a) Either the physicians in this hospital or the chief administrator (is / are) going to have to make a decision.
- (b) (Is / Are) my boss or my sisters in the union going to win this grievance?
- (c) Some of the votes (seems / seem) to have been miscounted.
- (d) The tornadoes that tear through this county every spring (is / are) more than just a nuisance.
- (e) Everyone selected to serve on this jury (has / have) to be willing to give up a lot of time.
- (f) Kara Wolters, together with her teammates, (presents / present) a formidable opponent on the basketball court.
- (g) There (has / have) to be some people left in that town after yesterday's flood.
- (h) Some of the grain (appears / appear) to be contaminated.
- (i) Three-quarters of the students (is / are) against the tuition hike.
- (j) A high percentage of the population (is / are) voting for the new school.

Question 3**PART A**

Read each of the following items and analyze the tense of the verbs. Identify and correct the wrong verb in your answer booklet. Only one verb is incorrect in each item.

(12 marks)

Example:

After they had been playing for about half an hour, one of the boys decided that he wants to go home. The others were angry.

Answer: wants → wanted

- (a) The king decided that the only way he could control his country was to order the arrest of all his ministers. The ministers heard about this and they try to organize a rebellion. They were unsuccessful and were all beheaded.

- (b) Whenever I try to revise for my exams I have a mental block. I had tried many ways to overcome this problem but I have always failed.
- (c) He sells cars for two years and then he quit his job and began to write novels.
- (d) During my childhood I was a rather naughty child. I used to play tricks on my parents and they often got angry with me. One day, I did a particularly bad thing and my father decides that I had to stay in my bedroom for the next two days.
- (e) I never know where to go for my holidays. I often sit for hours searching through holiday brochures but I never seemed to find my ideal holiday resort.
- (f) A few years ago a group of mountaineers were trapped half-way up a dangerous peak. Help took a long time to come and they were suffering badly. They don't have enough food and one of them had broken his leg. Eventually help came and they were all rescued.
- (g) I have been playing a lot of squash recently and my leg has started to hurt very badly. I wondered if there is something wrong with the muscle. Perhaps I should go to the medical centre for a check-up.
- (h) The number of times I have lost my keys is amazing. I always chose the most inconvenient moment to lose them too! I have never lost any money or anything important but I always lose my keys. I am always thinking of so many things at once; I suppose it's hardly surprising I lose things from time to time.

PART B

Complete the sentences using the words listed in the box below. Some gaps may have more than one correct answer. (13 marks)

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- (a) Ted's flight from Amsterdam took more than 11 hours. He _____ be exhausted after such a long flight. He _____ prefer to stay in tonight and get some rest.
- (b) If you want to get a better feeling for how the city is laid out, you _____ walk downtown and explore the waterfront.
- (c) Hiking the trail to the peak _____ be dangerous if you are not well prepared for dramatic weather changes. You _____ research the route a little more before you attempt the ascent.
- (d) When you have a small child in the house, you _____ leave small objects lying around. Such objects _____ be swallowed, causing serious injury or even death.
- (e) Dave : _____ you hold your breath for more than a minute?
Nathan : No, I can't.

- (f) Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It _____ have cost a fortune.
- (g) Please make sure to water my plants while I am gone. If they don't get enough water, they _____ die.
- (h) I _____ speak Arabic fluently when I was a child and we lived in Egypt. But after we moved back to Canada, I had very little exposure to the language and forgot almost everything I knew as a child. Now, I _____ just say a few things in the language.
- (i) Ted : I don't know why Denise starting crying when I mentioned the wedding.
Pamela: It _____ have been what you said about her brother. Or, perhaps she is just nervous. After all, the big day is tomorrow.

Question 4

PART A

(a) Rewrite each of the following pairs of simple sentences into either a simple, compound or complex sentence as instructed in brackets. (9 marks)

- (i) Alice approached Jenny for help. She gave her a blank stare. (COMPOUND)
- (ii) The couple seldom see eye to eye. They simply disagree with each other. (COMPLEX)
- (iii) Julian swam steadily, ran quickly and cycled furiously. He emerged first in triathlon. (SIMPLE)
- (iv) The tornado is heading this way in no time. The winds are getting stronger. (COMPOUND)
- (v) I will hand in my resignation letter. I will look for another job. (SIMPLE)
- (vi) This is the room. The body was found here. (COMPLEX)

(b) Rewrite the following active sentences into passive. (6 marks)

- (i) The director gave my uncle a huge bonus this year.
- (ii) Many people littered the palace grounds indiscriminately.
- (iii) My friends keep me guessing about the mystery gift.
- (iv) The prefect gives every latecomer a warning.

PART B

- (a) Brenda was about to blow a gasket when she saw her husband flirting with his secretary, _____ she managed to restrain herself.
- A. but
 - B. and
 - C. so
 - D. because
- (b) Perhaps I should dispose of this weird figurine. I find it _____ useful _____ ornamental.
- A. either , or
 - B. both , and
 - C. not only , but also
 - D. neither , nor
- (c) Paul has been staring at the computer the whole day working on his programming assignment _____ the vision in both his eyes started to blur.
- A. as soon as
 - B. so much so that
 - C. in order that
 - D. as though
- (d) Don't wait any longer. Sam will not come _____ it is raining.
- A. before
 - B. although
 - C. unless
 - D. since
- (e) _____ he is only sixteen, Desmond fought off the thieves without fear. He behaved _____ a courageous man should do.
- A. Since , as
 - B. Although , as
 - C. While , until
 - D. Even though , for
- (f) Clients who undergo the 'Super Lifting' collagen treatment programme may apply make-up instantly after the treatment, _____ they should avoid strong sunlight _____ wear sun block for the first few days.
- A. and , but
 - B. because , and
 - C. but , and
 - D. so , but

- (g) There are many truths of which the full meaning cannot be realized ____ personal experience has brought it home.
- A. after
 - B. so
 - C. than
 - D. until
- (h) I am ____ angry ____ disappointed in you. I'm afraid you would have to face the consequences of your rash decision.
- A. either , or
 - B. not only , but also
 - C. neither , nor
 - D. as , and
- (i) Willie received news of the passing of her grandmother ____ promptly made arrangements to return home to be with her family.
- A. and
 - B. while
 - C. before
 - D. so
- (j) Lottery gambling can become an addiction ____ lottery players seem to believe that they might hit the jackpot the next time round ____ they must persist on buying lottery.
- A. because , so
 - B. as long as, although
 - C. even if , because
 - D. since , for

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